

COMMUNITY NEWS

Small businesses can qualify for no-collateral loans during week-long event

Loans from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are the focus of Troy University Small Business Development Center's five-day start-up and small business conference. The event will be from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. May 9-13 on the second floor of Adams Hall on the Dothan campus.

With the SBABExpress program, existing businesses can apply on-line for unsecured loans up to \$50,000. A dedicated computer will be set up so applicants can come in and apply on-line for unsecured loans of up to \$50,000.

Using the Community Express program, start-up and existing business applicants can

apply for unsecured loans up to \$25,000. This program requires clients to receive business counseling from a technical assistance provider (TAP) before approved loans are disbursed. The counseling is free and is provided by the Troy SBDC.

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those areas not previously offered service by any other water system.

The total budget for this project is \$3,685 million and over 90 miles of water main will be constructed in the project area.

Lott said Phase II of the expansion project should be completed by June 2006, and he said everyone involved with the Coffee County Water Authority appreciates all the support received by the Coffee County Commission and the residents of Coffee County.

He had to be pulled out.

"County Road 537 is a speedway. There have been several people run off the road."

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damaging.

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While looking at pictures Tritt provided from the day her brother's tractor-trailer got stuck, commission chairman Doug Dalrymple reminded everyone it was extremely wet Easter weekend because of heavy rains that moved through the area. He said the shoulders

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Girl Scout Troop #300 enjoys "special" Spring Tea



Pat Williams of Enterprise, who designed and created all the floral arrangements, poses with Kristen Barnes and Lyndsay Lawford, seniors. The troop recognized Pat for all her hard work and called her a "true Southern Lady and a real mentor."



Senior Cassy Cooper and her mother, Michele Macon, visit with senior Kristi Spinks.



Schwanna Wright prepares to serve tea from the silver service placed on the table before her. The junior class members were responsible for the serving of all refreshments.



A note of elegance was added to the day by the music of bandmaster Tom Maddox, his sons Justin and Evan, along with Brianna Bailey, Casey Medlock and Elizabeth Weeks. Tom's wife Alice was a charter member of the troop and his daughter Anna also belonged.



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Kayla Kelley, junior, is confident she can preside over the silver service with poise. Pouring tea, smiling and making intelligent conversation all at the same time is not easy, but the junior troop members were up to the task.

Ms. Kathy Bowers, editor of "Southern Lady" said the article probably would run next spring.



Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 presents its outstanding seniors for 2005. They are: (front row, l to r) Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, president Lyndsay Lawford, treasurer Jennifer Criswell and secretary Cameron Irwin; (back row, l to r) Kristi Spinks, Anna Harrison, Jennifer Waters, Ashton Grimes, Allison Brunson and Alison Smith. Not pictured is Cassy Cooper.



Kendall Stinson, junior, takes a break from her duties at the front door to sample the tiny sandwiches. Kendall was responsible for greeting each guest by name and presenting her to the troop leader and troop president.



Sophomore Haley Stinson found the petit fours too good to resist. The sophomores acted as hostesses in the reception rooms.



"Southern Lady" editor Kathy Bowers takes notes for her story on Troop 300 while photographer Matt Jameson talks to Jim Hughes. The editorial staff started working at Noon and continued throughout the afternoon. Matt commented that he wished he'd brought his two teenage sons with him - he'd never seen such beautiful girls.



The combination of lovely spring weather, a cozy arrangement of wicker furniture, floral cushions and lush ferns provided a brief respite for Gale Olson, Sydney Brunson and Whitley Kilcrease.

Former Elba resident receives military award

Fontell Wise, age 80, a resident of Bill Nichols State Veterans Home in Alexander City, Ala., and a former resident of Elba, has been awarded the Alabama Korean War Legion of Honor.

Jimmy King, Administrator, made

the presentation to Wise

in ceremonies sponsored by members of

the American Legion.

After serving (and being wounded) in World War II, Wise returned to Elba High School, graduating in 1948. At that time he entered a U.S. Army Hospital in Montgomery, for more surgery on his left arm - hopefully to fast, as his elbow and forearm were reworked and shortened three inches, using bone from his left hip.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Actress Jane Fonda has been on the talk show circuit recently with what has been described as "half-hearted" apologies for her trip to Vietnam, which earned her the nickname of "Hanoi Jane". It is obvious that there is still a lot of strong resentment aimed at her, not only for the trip but for her words and reported actions during the wartime visit with the enemy. Many Americans were not in that war but can still relate to the feelings of those who were there. Hopefully we would never spit on Jane Fonda, yet neither do we personally feel ill will towards the Vietnam veteran in California who did just that last week. A person can only guess, but suspect there were a lot of folks stepping up to pay any disorderly conduct fine lodged against this man who has strong, deep seated feelings ... after all he was sent to defend this country and then got spit on himself getting off the boat upon return from Nam.

Our friend Henry Rayborn, or Junior, always has time to exchange a few words of wisdom. Sometimes it is from his vast store of Church and Bible wisdom, sometimes it is family and other times the talk is less serious. You judge which category the following goes into: Here he comes with a big catchfish caught at the Coffee County Lake ... with his trademark grin spread even wider. After the traditional picture taking he adds: "If you see a Rayborn leaving a fishing place and he tells you he didn't catch any fish, you don't even need to unload your boat ... you won't catch any either!" Now how is that for being cocky, and all because of a 13 pound catch!

Last week it was noted that Elba native Bob Inman was being honored for one of his fiction novels. Now this week there is an article in the paper about Bob and wife Paulette being honored in their adopted home of Boone, NC. This is a great couple and they well deserve all the honor being bestowed upon them.

Saturday is Band Day in Elba. These folks have been planning this event since the last one a year ago. It is interesting and a bit exciting to discover exactly what they have in store for the traditional supporters and other visitors this time around. We will know Saturday morning ... rain or shine.

The Alabama Legislature, or actually the state senate, is still locked in debate designed to prevent one bill from coming to a vote and probably passing. This bill triggers the "hot" button on lawmakers from both sides of the issue. The regular legislative session is rapidly drawing to a close (mandated by the state constitution) and interested parties are getting jittery about this inaction. The concern is undoubtedly not over this particular bill but the many others, major and minor, caught in the logjam behind a lone Senate bill, including the operating budgets. Failure to pass either of the main budgets will make it absolutely necessary for Governor Bob Riley to call an expensive special session of the legislature ... to deal with the very same things that can't be decided in this regular session. Of course some observers will try to tell us it is "easier" to pass these bills in a special session "because ... blah, blah, blah". Maybe that is why 18 state senators just didn't show up for work Tuesday morning of this week, resulting in a desperate situation, getting even more desperate. Now nothing but the two main budgets has much of a chance of passing this session ... even if they somehow manage to get past the aforementioned legislative logjam.

Eubanks nominated for National Dean's List

Christy Eubanks, a drafting and design technology student at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Opp, was recently nominated for "The National Dean's List" for 2005.

"The National Dean's List" is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country dedicated to recognizing academic excellence among college students. This is an honor reserved



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• CRIMINAL SECURITY REP - Courtroom - 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Call 1-800-772-1213.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ 7:30 a.m. Lurleen B. Wallace Community Church - 100 N. Main St. Call 897-3422.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• CRIMESTOPPERS - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. City Hall.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• COFFEE COUNTY GOLF - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• COFFEE COUNTY POLICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30-4 p.m. New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex

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CHURCH NEWS

May Day Fun to be held at New Brockton Farm Center

May Day Fun will be held at the New Brockton Farm Center, Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There will be fun games, a craft show, lots of good food, and things to interest parents also. Proceeds will benefit Vivian B. Adams School, New Brockton Elementary School Library and Brewton Auxiliaries in Ministry.

There will be an admission charge. For more information call: Sonia Ellison: 406-2259 or Muriel Goosby: (334)308-1606. This event will be sponsored by Harris Temple COGIC, Brewton District COGIC Auxiliaries in Ministry serving the communities of Coffee, Covington & Escambia County.

Westview Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming May 1

Westview Baptist Church of Enterprise, Ala. will holding a homecoming service on Sunday May 1, 2005. Forme Pastor, native of Elba, Dr. Paul Kendrick will be bringing the message. Kendrick is now serving as a mission director of Washington County (west Ala.). There will be special music. A fellowship meal will follow after service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Victoria Baptist Church to hold homecoming Services Sunday, May 1

Victoria Baptist Church will conduct Homecoming services Sunday, May 1, with brother Bruce Williams presiding.

A covered dish lunch will follow the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend and help celebrate this special occasion.

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Most Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Phillip Cope, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Most Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Tim Sean, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. David Davis, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Most Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

CHESNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Martha Bassett, Pastor
Church Service.....9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Most Worship.....10:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Most Worship.....10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Most Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mari Gray, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Most Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.
High. Night (Youth).....6:00 p.m.
Children's Activities.....6:00 p.m.

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SCRIPTURE: HOSEA 1:11

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:

Marcus Kelley, Cleaven Williams, Rev. J.L. Waters, Lovie Hooks, Monroe Richardson, Randolph Caldwell, Mary B. Holley, Homer C. Coleman.

***APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

W.W. Williams-April 23
Belinda Ordon - April 27
M.C. Lawrence-April 28

***GOSPEL SINGING:

There will be a Gospel Singing, Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Indian Hills Church of God, located Hey 82 West, Prattville, Ala. The theme is "You'll Never Run Out of the Blood" featuring Herione and Singing New Magazine, Song For The Nation. For more information contact Donnie Tillis at (334) 207-0255.

SALEM ENTERPRISE MATERON'S AUXILIARY

will hold their Annual Prayer Breakfast May 4 at 9 A.M. at Enterprise Civic Center on 711 Crawford Street, Enterprise.

The guest speaker will be Sister Carrie Johnson, president Southeast District Matrons.

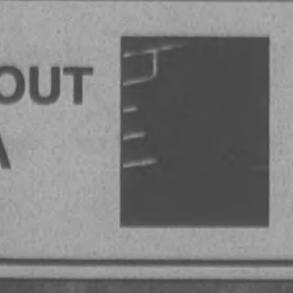
Donations will be asked for.

SPRING REVIVAL to be held at Rock Head MB Church in Elba, April 27-29 at 7:00 p.m. The evangelist will be Rev. Arthur D. Guliford. All churches are invited to attend.

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Camp meeting to be held at Elba Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER
Rev. Stanley Carter - Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

Elba Church of God will begin camp meeting Wednesday, April 27th. Singers on Wednesday will be the Stinsons singing. With Brother Wesley (former Pastor of the Elba Church of God of Prophecy). Derek and Taletah Snellgrove will minister Friday, Buford and Doris Roberts will minister on Saturday.

Next week will begin with Laymar Wood of Piney Grove Assembly of God, and Johnny Bryant Church of God's District Pastor from Enterprise Christ Community Church of God. There will be singing, preaching, food and spiritual renewal in an atmosphere of fun. The public is welcome to come and a man of moral principle. I'm glad the world has such heroes.

This is also what God and the church needs, "men and women" who will live the Christian life and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. People who will not let aches and pains, hurt feelings, and other things keep them out of the game. The Lord needs people who can be counted on and who will go beyond the call of duty. Won't you go to your church or a church and put your name in the lineup?

Landmark Park to host gospel music concert

Landmark Park in Dothan, Ala. will become a place of inspiration and celebration as the park hosts its sixth annual "Gospel Music Gathering" on Friday, May 6. The evening will feature four southern gospel groups including The Down East Boys, The Gamm Brothers, The Brady's, and Cricket Lee. Serving as M.C. during the evening performance will be Terry Davis.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and features a variety of groups including professional recording artists and local talent.

Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, a picnic supper, and enjoy an evening of music at the gazebo. Tickets to the Gospel Music Gathering are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate, with proceeds benefiting Landmark Park. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets are available in Dothan at Dove Christian Supply, and Landmark Park. Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call Landmark Park, 334-794-3452.

15TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba, will celebrate their 15th Church Anniversary, Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Paul Phillips. Everyone is invited to attend.

VISITORS - Rev. Jonas Rogers and Virginia Rogers visited Elba Belcher and Evelyn.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16 - KJV

BIBLE VERSE

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SCHOOLS

Journalism Member Spotlight

by Jennifer Grissett



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock & Kayla Kelley

EHS Student Spotlight

by Kristi Spinks

This week's Journalism Spotlight is Ashley Gibson. Ashley is the daughter of Gary Gibson and Renee Stinson. She is a senior and is involved in many activities and clubs at Elba High School. Some of these include: Senior Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council Representative, VICA, FFA President, and Elba Editor.

When asked what she enjoys most about journalism, she replied, "Taking pictures and working on the good work!" Her hobbies and interests are riding four wheelers, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. After graduation, Ashley plans to attend college.

Congratulations, Marquez, and keep up the good work!

Elba Yearbooks on Sale

The EHS Journalism Staff has started selling the 2004-2005 Elba Yearbooks as of Monday, April 25, 2005. They are \$28 and will be shipped two weeks.

Journalism members will come to elementary and high school students first thing each morning.

If anyone would like to purchase a yearbook, contact any journalism member or call (334) 897-2266. Checks can be made payable to Elba High School.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Band Day set for Saturday, April 30th

The Elba High School band program will host Band Day 2005 this Saturday, April 30.

The day's festivities will take place on the square in downtown Elba from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Among the events will be the "Jail for Ball" which will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. as various community leaders try to raise funds to "bail out of jail."

Other entertainment will include a performance by the elementary school band and the high school band. During the high school band's performance, the majorettes, colorguard and danceline will be featured.

Barbecue plates can be picked up at the Elba Senior Citizens Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and extra plates are expected to be available.

Also available for purchase during band day will be homemade pies and other baked goods.

Games for children will be held throughout the day.

The lucky person who casts the highest bid for this Elba Tiger chair will be revealed at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, during Band Day 2005.



These chairs and fire extinguisher lamp are a small sample of the many items being sold through "Chair-ity" Auction held each year during Band Day. The uniquely decorated items were donated to help raise funds for the Elba band program. Several of the donated items are currently being displayed at The Peoples Bank. All other items will be displayed on the square Saturday during Band Day, and interested buyers have until 1 p.m. Saturday to cast their bids.

Band Day

Schedule of Events:

10:30 a.m. - Jail for Ball begins
11:00 a.m. - Elementary Band performance
11:30 a.m. - High School Band performance
Majorettes
Colorguard
Danceline
12:30 p.m. - Presentation of Miss Pea River Queen
1:00 p.m. - Chair Auction

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MOTION

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commission ask the Alabama Department of Transportation to place a caution light at the intersection of Hwy. 134 and county roads 603 and 545. He added that the county will pay half the expense of installation.

The motion received a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks.

A question surfaced regarding exactly what the state is willing to do and pay for such endeavors. Stephens said he tried to get a definite answer prior to the commission meeting, but Monday was a state holiday and he could not reach any officials.

Commission chairman Doug Dailey offered a motion to table Stephens' motion until the commission knows what the state will do. He received a second from Commissioner Jim Thompson. The motion to table passed with a 4-2 vote. Commissioners Stephens and Linda Westbrook voted against tabling. Commissioner Tom Grimsley was not present for the meeting.



New Brockton Elementary School recently celebrated parental involvement by encouraging students and parents to participate in the 2005 Statewide Family Poster Contest. This contest is an awareness campaign to get families and educators thinking and talking about the importance of parent and family involvement in helping children to be successful in school and in life. Annaley Padgett was the winner at the elementary level. Annaley received a DVD player for her winning poster. Her poster will now go on to compete in the system contest. The winning poster from the system contest will compete in the statewide contest. Annaley is in Mrs. Mobley's kindergarten class.

Troy King reports theft conviction of former state employee

Attorney General Troy King, announced the conviction of a former employee of the Alabama Department of Public Health for second-degree theft of property from the state agency. Penny Strickland, 36, of Skipperville, pleaded guilty before Dale County Circuit Judge Kenneth W. Quattlebaum. Strickland had been employed by the Alabama Department of Public Health's Home Service Program in Dale County, responsible for providing home services to a number of elderly and shut-in clients.

On October 20, 2003 through June 2004, Strickland falsified 46 daily service reports, claiming to have performed 111 hours of home services for 8 clients, thereby obtaining \$671.55 in pay to which she was not entitled.

"As Attorney General, my foremost commitment is to protect the most vulnerable members of our society, and to vigorously prosecute those who would prey upon them," said Attorney General King. "This defendant was entrusted with the care of the elderly and sick, and she exploited that trust at the expense of her employer and the taxpayers of Alabama, and worst of all the expense of the sick and elderly who desperately need services provided through the Health Department."

After accepting Strickland's guilty plea, Judge Quattlebaum sentenced her to one year and one day imprisonment, which was suspended for two years supervised probation. Strickland was also ordered to make restitution to the Department of Public Health.

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